

REMARKS***Status of the claims***

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 49-147 will be pending. Claims 124-147 were added herein. Support for the claims added herein may be found in the specification as originally filed, and thus no new matter has been added. For example, support for new claims 124 to 146 may be found in paragraphs [0023], [0235] through [0351] and [0483].

Copying claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,764,679

The present amendment is submitted in order to meet the statutory deadline set by 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(1) to present claims that are the same or substantially the same subject matter as claims in an issued patent. More specifically, the claims added herein have been added to copy claims 1-18 and 24-33 from U.S. Patent No. 6,764,679, issued July 20, 2004. U.S. Patent No. 6,764,679 was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed May 9, 2005.

The present amendment is not intended to constitute a response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2005, but instead is being filed to ensure that the statutory deadline set by 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(1) has been met. Applicants' complete reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2005 is being prepared and will be filed in advance of the 6-month statutory deadline.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the remarks above be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing, however if applicants are in error, please charge any fee deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Dated: July 19, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By Michele Shannon
Michele Shannon
Registration No.: 47,075
HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC.
Intellectual Property Dept.
14200 Shady Grove Road
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(301) 354-3930

KKH/MS/ba

Application No.: 09/935,727

Page 16 of 16

Docket No.: PF454P2